(f) if so, what are the details of anomalies which came to Government's notice on the basis of which extension was granted; and

(g) what are the details of anomalies already rectified and by when the remaining ones will be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) to (g) The Committee has not yet submitted its report on representations that were referred to it.

Problems at Dankuni Coal Project

3502. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been invited to a news report which appeared in the weekly 'Blitz' dated the 12th March 1988 (page 31) with the caption 'Dankuni in Doldrums';

(b) whether the coal gassification plant at Dankuni was supposed to have been commissioned in 1984 and the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi had agreed to get the project completed in time;

(c) what was the original estimated cost thereof and the extent to which it has escalated now;

(d) what were the reasons for which this prestigious plant could not be completed in time and what action has been taken in the matter; and

(e) when the said plant is likely to be completed and commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dankuni Coal Complex was sanctioned by the Government of India in July, 1980. Letter of Intent was issued in March, 1981 to the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi for turnkey execution of the project. As per the Letter of Intent the scheduled date of completion was March, 1985.

(c) The original cost estimate of the Project was Rs. 49.27 crores (October '77 prices). The revised cost estimate of the project, assessed upto June, 1986, is about Rs. 118.00 crores.

(d) and (e) The delay in completion of the project is mainly on account of the following reasons:—

(i) Difficulties in land filling at site;

(ii) Selection of import of technology;

(iii) Delay in procurement of equipment;

(iv) Shortage of man power; and

(v) Delay in procurement of construction materials.

As per the revised schedule, the project is likely to be commissioned in September, 1988.

To ensure completion of the project as per revised schedule, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) Close monitoring of the project at various levels;

(ii) Heavy Engineering Corporation has strengthened its supervision to scrutinise the work at site;

(iii) multiple shifts have been introduced; and

(iv) manpower has been augmented.